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FCC ANNOUNCES CREATION OF MEDIA SECURITY & RELIABILITY COUNCIL; TRIBUNE COMPANY PRESIDENT DENNIS FITZSIMONS TO BE CHAIRMAN

Washington - The Federal Communications Commission today announced the creation of a new federal advisory committee, the Media Security and Reliability Council ("MSRC").

MSRC's members will study, develop and report on best practices designed to assure the optimal reliability, robustness and security of the broadcast and multichannel video programming distribution industries.

The Council will be comprised of senior representatives of mass media companies, cable television and satellite service providers, trade associations, public safety representatives, manufacturers and other related entities.

Dennis J. FitzSimons, President and COO of Tribune Company, will chair MSRC's inaugural term.

FitzSimons has been President and COO of Tribune Company since July 2001 and served on the Tribune board of directors since May 2000. He also has served as president of Tribune Broadcasting Company since 1994. He previously served as president of Tribune Television from 1992-1994, and has been with the organization in various capacities since 1982. Prior to Tribune, FitzSimons served as director of sales and marketing for Viacom's WVIT-TV, Hartford, Connecticut. Before that, he was director of advertising sales at Viacom International and New York sales manager for TeleRep, Inc. He started in the media industry at Grey Advertising in New York.

FitzSimons has served as the Vice Chair of the National Association of Broadcasters' board of directors. He is currently on the board of directors of Northwestern University, the Newspaper Association of America, the Association for Maximum Service Television (MSTV) and the Television Operators Caucus (TOC), as well as the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation and the Big Shoulders Fund.

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The Designated Federal Official (“DFO”) of MSRC will be Barbara Kreisman, Chief of the Video Division, Media Bureau. Susan Mort, Attorney-Advisor in the Policy Division, Media Bureau, will serve as Deputy DFO.

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